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## The Birth of Christ

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Long since had the sun sunk behind the hills in the west. The pale rays of the moon now shed their light upon the plains of Judea. Upon the grassy slopes the sheep were resting. While around the fire the shepherds, tired after the toils of the day, were reclining, relating one to another the experiences of the shepherd's life. All was still, all was peaceful, not a sound broke the stillness of the night. The shepherds, now worn and sleepy were resting quietly watching and guarding their sheep. When suddenly the stillness of the night was broken by a sound strange and wonderful, one never heard before by the men of the plains. Startled and alarmed they sprang to their feet, ever on the alert to protect their flocks against danger. They looked around, nothing unusual could be seen, even the sheep seemed undisturbed by the disturbance. Yet on the stillness of the night was borne a song beautiful and magnificent. Trembling and full of fear they lifted their eyes upward, startled and amazed they watched when suddenly the heavens opened, and the sky was filled with a chorus of angels, singing and praising God. The words "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good-will toward men", were borne, to them on the night breeze. Amazed they stood transfixed, when an angel voice bade them be not afraid, and told them "That unto them was born this day a Saviour which was Christ the Lord." This was the most wonderful event of all history heralded to the world, not unto the wise and proud, not to the rich and haughty, but to the humble shepherds on the plains of Judea. Fitting indeed for the great event, that He who became so humble and meek, should first reveal the glad tidings to the humblest of the world's creation.

Let us see what this day means to mankind and to the world.

It was a fulfillment of all that which God had foretold in the days that were passed. When man fell into sin, God promised that a saviour would be given to man. For hundreds of years this promised Saviour had been looked for. For generations the prophets had prophesied that this event should take place.

How wonderful was all this fulfilled in the great event of the night. Each minute detail came to pass just as it was foretold. The long looked for King had come. No wonder the very heavens could not contain the joy, but had to break forth into the earth with angelic voices and singing. For this was indeed heaven's triumph over sin and the devil. This was indeed the starting of the burnings and woundings spoken of in Genesis.

Could the heavens contain? No, for it was the birth of a King. It was the birthday of the Son of God. Begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. This statement is oft times ridiculed, oft times the virgin birth is questioned and slight-

ing remarks made of the Christ child but never-the-less it is true. If it is false then the prophets of old were all deceived. If it is false then the world has been deceived for two thousand years and all our hopes and faith are in vain. But it could not be false. If it had been, then those who lived at the time would have risen and disproved the fact, this has never been done. No one, even those living during that period, or any period since, has ever been able to disprove the great fact THAT HE WAS BORN. In fact all history, both religious and secular helps in proving and establishing this great fact. It must be true, if not, then the entire old testament is false, for it all happened just as the Old Testament foretold it.

It was the birth of the Saviour of man. Man was without hope. For all sin is in the sight of God condemned to destruction. All that was not created by Almighty God will be destroyed. Man had fallen and the only way man could rise again from this fallen estate was thru the complete sacrifice of the Son of God.

It was God clothing Himself in human flesh, in order that He might dwell among us, with a sinless life, and pay the debt of sinful men to the throne of justice by the sacrifice of His own pure and spotless life. The birth of Christ was the appearance of a great light. He came to bring light to a world in darkness and death. He came that He might lift the world to a higher plain of living to set a new standard of life and make men better. His great mission was to seek and save that which was lost in darkness and despair. To go to the darkest corners of the earth and from every tribe, nation and tongue rescue a people for Himself and for His Kingdom. Truly did he say of Himself "I am the light of the world." And how wonderfully has this light shone down, thru the ages, lightening the world, wherever the light has shone it has lifted men from darkness and superstition, and has given that higher and nobler inspiration to live as becometh true men, after the pattern of God.

It was love that prompted this great event. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Yes 'twas love, infinite love, that prompted God to make this sacrifice that we might live. Love for me, love for you, love for a lost and dying world.

What a humble beginning. He was born in a manger. No room at the inn. No one to receive Him. Even as today we turn Him away from the door of our hearts. But in what a wonderful way He came. Heralded by the angels to the shepherds of the plains. What a wonderful life He lived. What a glorious resurrection and ascension. Truly indeed it was a great day. We cannot imagine what the world would have lost and suffered if that had not come to pass. Therefore as we enjoy the festivities of the season, do not let us forget for what it

## Notice to Owners of Motor Vehicles

All owners of automobiles and trucks must appear in person at the County Clerk's office on or before the first day of January, 1922 to procure your 1922 license, and you must also bring your last registration certificate or bill of sale from party from whom a car has been purchased.

## Notice to Owners of Dogs

Every person in Crittenden county, owning or harboring a dog is required by law to procure a license and tag for such dog, and upon failing or refusing to comply with the dog law, such persons so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

This office now has the tags and is prepared to supply you with license and tags for the year 1922. Take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

L. E. GUESS  
Clerk Crittenden County Court.

## Extra Passenger Train Service

Effective at 12:01 Wednesday December 21, 1921, the following Passenger Train Schedule will be in effect at this station.

**NORTH BOUND**  
Train 332 will depart at 7:57 A. M.  
Train 302 will depart at 2:17 P. M.  
Train 326 will depart at 6:30 P. M.

**SOUTH BOUND**  
Train 321 will depart at 10:25 A. M.  
Train 301 will depart at 4:05 P. M.  
Train 335 will depart at 9:05 P. M.  
Trains No. 302 and 301 will only stop at the following named stations, Princeton, Marion, Blackford, Sturgis, Deokoven, Morgantown, Henderson and Evansville. Fredonia and Corydon being flag stops to receive and discharge passengers. All other trains will make regular stops at all stations.

Train 336 will make connection with fast train at Princeton from Louisville and also with accommodation train from Paducah.

Train 302 will make connection at Evansville I. C. train for Chicago, arriving in Chicago at 7:45 A. M.

Christmas rates will be in effect December 21. One and one-half fare for the round trip to all points on the Illinois Central and also roads in the southeastern territory. These tickets will have a final limit of January 4, 1922.

With the additional train service we can also handle Christmas packages by Express quicker than before. Be sure to mark right and pack right to avoid damage to package and delay to shipment.

Any further information will be gladly furnished by Ticket Agent at Station or by any of the station force.

Courtesy and efficient service always—is our motto.

J. A. HUGHES, Agent

## LETTER FROM MR. FOHS

Dear Old Kentucky Friends:  
As I have been away from Marion Ky. just five years, I want you all to know I have not forgot you, in fact I think of my old friends often. I am getting along good in my new home in the east and would be glad to hear from you any time and should any of you ever come east I will be glad to entertain you and show you little old New York. I wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your old friend,  
DAVID B. FOHS

Mrs. S. M. Jenkins left Sunday for El Paso, Texas, to visit her daughter.

stands, do not lose sight of what is behind it all. You give your gifts to each other. Give a gift to Him. He wants your heart, your soul, your all in all. Then give to Him thru others, remember His words "In as much as ye did it to the least of these, ye did it unto me." Remember the poor and the needy. Remember the suffering and the afflicted, give to them the help needed to have a happy Christmas. Thus making this great day real, making it stand for something worth while.

## Marion Merchant In Bankruptcy

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed Saturday in the office of Judge Walter A. Blackburn, Clerk of the United States District Court, by Douglas O. Carnahan, proprietor of a dry goods store in this city and one in Beaver Dam, Ky. His total liabilities are listed at \$39,197.50 with assets valued at \$37,649.

Mr. Carnahan lists his secured creditors at \$10,085 while his unsecured claims reach \$28,112.50. His assets consist of a store and lot in this city valued at \$10,000. His stock of merchandise located in the two stores is placed at \$23,390.

## NOTICE

On the 12th day of December I sold my interest in the Maurice Nunn Coal Co. to Mr. John Wesley Lamb. The new company is to be known as the "Marion Coal Co." with Mr. John Wesley Lamb and Mr. Ira T. Pierce proprietors. Both have had wide experience in the retail coal business and are in a position to give you excellent service.

Thanking you for all past business I am, Very truly yours,  
MAURIE NUNN

## GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF CRITTENDEN

Let us ever remember that our interest is in concord, not conflict, and that our real eminence rests in the victories of peace and fellowship with each other. I hope that every individual may be moved to higher and nobler effort for their own and their neighbors' good and welfare, and that out of this county and city may come not only greater commerce and trade for us all, but that, relations of mutual respect, confidence and friendship which will deepen and endure and work to the common good of all.

My earnest prayer is that God will graciously vouchsafe prosperity, peace and happiness to everyone during the coming year.

Yours for a bright, prosperous New Year. EDWARD D. STONE.

## NOTICE

I am ready to buy tobacco. You may bring me a sample or I will go and see your tobacco as you may wish.  
S. T. DUPUY

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness they showed us during the burial of our dear boy whose remains returned from France. May God's blessing be with you all in our earnest prayer.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner and Family

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

On January 1st I will be back in optical business to stay. I will be prepared to fit you with any kind of frames or lenses you wish at the lowest cash prices. No credit. Will be glad to have your work. Office over Marion Bank.  
GEO. W. STONE, Optometrist

## Farm Bureau News

On Friday evening December 16, the good people of the Hebron community met at their school house to discuss with the county agent their farming problems. After a talk by Mr. Spencer the Hebron Community Club was organized with the following officers: President Jesse Alvis, Vice President John T. Vaughn, Secretary Arel Vaughn, Program Committee H. O. Franklin, A. G. Lofton and Ed Cook. The regular meeting night selected was the third Friday. Every one in the community is invited to attend these meetings.

## HOG FEEDING

Mr. Finis Black, living near Sturgis makes a very interesting report in regard to the gains his hogs made. He had seven pigs farrowed the 22 of June 1921. He fed them thru out their young period the following feeds: milk, wheat, clover, tankage and corn and at 3 months and 22 days they 250 pounds in weight. They received a balanced ration and were pushed right along.

## WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS GO AFTER SCRUB SIRE

In an effort to rid the county of scrub sires, farmers in Wayne county cooperating with County Agent H. J. Hayes and local farmers organizations have set about to dispose of the last one before February 4, 1922, according to a recent report from the county. The movement was started at a recent meeting when a resolution was adopted endorsing the better sires better stock campaign and urging farmers to dispose of their scrubs. A committee has been appointed to work with County Agent Hayes in carrying out this drive.

## BETTER FEEDING AND CARE WILL MAKE FALL PIGS PAY

Better feeding and housing of fall pigs after weaning time are suggested by animal husbandry men at the College of Agriculture as two means whereby the raising of the fall litter may be made profitable on more Kentucky farms. Liberty feeding of tankage, skim milk, and butter milk at this time of the year makes an excellent substitute for the beneficial effects of green pasture. The quarters in which the animals are housed should be dry although they need, not be warm. A wet chilled pig is never a profitable producer of pork, the specialists say.

One ration which has given good results at the college farm in fall pig feeding is composed of 50 pounds of corn 50 pounds of middlings and 10 pounds of tankage. Another used successfully is made up of 10 parts of corn and one of tankage. 50 pounds of corn, 50 pounds of shipstuf and 10 pounds of tankage also makes a good ration while 8 parts of corn and one part of soy beans may be used for a fourth.

Each year many pigs die from pneumonia contracted by their sleeping wet houses where they are exposed to draughts. This can be prevented by being sure that the roof of the house is made water proof and that no water is allowed to run into the house

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET FRIDAY EVENING

The Marion Chamber of Commerce met Friday night of last week at the school auditorium. A large number was present and several new members were added.

The perfecting of the organization was the main feature of the meeting. The committee on census made its report and the plan proposed by them was adopted. Others were appointed to serve on this committee and to help take a statistical census of the city which will be done in the near future and permanent record kept of it. The committee on membership was not ready to report. Three new committees were appointed, one to locate a temporary headquarters for the Chamber of Commerce, and one to meet with committees of the other organizations to locate a community house for the use of all as permanent headquarters. Besides these two committees, a committee on publicity was appointed.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the school building January 6, 1922. All business men are urged to be present as it is planned to have the body addressed by some Commercial Club organizer.

## Commits Suicide

Thomas Hoover, age 71, East Depot Street, committed suicide Sunday afternoon about 1 o'clock by shooting himself with a .32 calibre pistol. He had been in bad health for some time and this is given as the reason for his act.

Mr. Hoover discharged the pistol twice into his left side. One ball hit the seventh rib and the other the eighth. One ball lodged in his back and the other in his left side. He was taken to a hospital in Evansville Sunday evening for an operation from which he never regained consciousness. He died Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He was accompanied to the hospital by his daughter, Mrs. Guy Givens, and Dr. Cook. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at ten o'clock at the residence by Rev. G. P. Dillon and burial followed in the Love cemetery.

Mr. Hoover is survived by ten children, five boys and five girls.

## MOREDOCK-JONES

Miss Anna Irene Moredock and Mr. Thomas N. Jones were married Wednesday in the Broadway Methodist church in Paducah. Miss Moredock formerly lived in this city and has many friends here.

Henry Wilson left Sunday for New Orleans to join his bride for an extended trip south.

from the outside ground. The floor of the house may be raised by throwing the dirt inside when ditching around the outside of the house to carry the water away.

If hog cholera is in your vicinity the safe thing to do always is to vaccinate as a preventative.

## YOUR BABY

A little fairy comes into the home, bringing sunshine and happiness into the home and into the world. She brings dreams to the Mother, and high hopes to the Dad. As the days and years pass, and the little personality unfolds itself, the wonder and delight of the Mother and Dad increases, they find a world of pride in ownership, and the little life becomes a source of mutual joy and happiness.

There must be a return made for the abundance of pleasure the child brings and the most substantial return is to back up those dreams and hopes with a Bank Account. Start now to save the dollars. One dollar opens an account for the Baby at the Marion Bank. You get a little blue book, called "Our Baby's Bank Book" and when you have deposited a dollar a month for eleven months the Marion Bank deposits the twelfth dollar to the youngster's credit. Come in and let's talk it over. This department is open to all babies under one year old.

## MY SINCERE WISHES

to the  
Farmers and Townspeople  
of Crittenden County  
for a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR

JOHN R. SPENCER  
County Agent  
Crittenden County